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Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number OOD-1277, draft "Guidance for Industry – Fumonisin Levels in Human Foods and Animal Feeds"

Sirs:

Frito-Lay is pleased to offer our comments on the above referenced draft guidance document.

Frito-Lay is the world's largest manufacturer of snack foods. We annually process more than one billion pounds of corn and corn meal into favorite brands such as Doritos™, Tostitos™, Fritos™ and Chee.tos™.

Frito-Lay welcomes and supports the draft guidance levels. When we became aware of the fumonisin issue in 1993 we imposed an internal limit on our corn and corn meal shipments based on the information available to us at that time. Although the FDA's draft limits are lower than our internal limit, we nonetheless support them and will abide by them as we believe that the draft limits will be protective of public health while assuring the continued abundance of the corn supply. We believe that the draft limits are consistent with Good Agricultural and Good Manufacturing Practices and should form the basis for any permanent national or international regulations.

We commend the FDA for its leadership in this area.

Sincerely,

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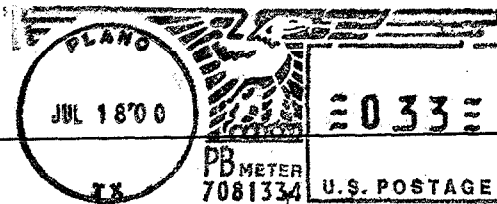
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